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SUMMARY:
REPRESENTATIVES OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS VISIT STOCKHOLM FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOS OFFICIALS ON SWEDISH AID TO MOVEMENTS. DURING TWO WELL PUBLICIZED PUBLIC MEETINGS AND REPORTEDLY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOS OFFICIALS, REPRESENTATIVES APPEAL FOR SUPPORT TO UN/ OAU OSLO CONFERENCE ON COLONIALISM AND APARTHIED ACTION PROGRAM, ROLE OF MOVEMENTS IN UN, AND INCREASED SWEDISH AID.

1. SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS VISITED STOCKHOLM APRIL 16-19 FOLLOWING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN RECENT UN/ OAU CONFERENCE ON COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID HELD AT OLSO.
(OSLO 1472) MFA AND SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SIDA) INVITED REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS SWEDISH AID PROGRAMS WITH THE VARIOUS GROUPS. NAMES OF REPRESETNATIVES ANNOUNCED IN PRESS, ALL OR
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MOST OF WHOM VISITED STOCKHOLM, INCLUDE HERBERT CHITEPO OF ZANU, MOSES GRAROEB OF SWAPO, POTLAKO LEBALLO AND DAVID SIBEKO OF PAC, AGOSTINHO NETO OF MPLA, JANE NGWENYA OF ZAPU, MARCHELINO DOS SANTOS OF FRELIMO, OLIVER TAMBO AND JONNY MAKATINI OF ANC, VASCO CABRAL AND GIL FERNANDES OF PAIGC.

2. SWEDISH AID COMPRISING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN KIND, BUDGETED FOR COMING FISCAL YEAR AT 30 MILLION KRONOR (SKR 4.50-$1.00), UP MARKEDLY FROM 18.5 MILLION IN 1972-73. NO FURTHER INCREASES WERE ANNOUNCED DURING VISIT BUT ASSISTANCE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ON UPWARD TREND IN FUTURE.

3. SOME AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT LEADERS HAVE ATTENDED PAST SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONGRESSES, MOST RECENTLY IN OCTOBER 1972 BUT CURRENT VISIT BILLED AS FIRST HIGH LEVEL OFFICAL CONTACT WITH SWEDISH GOVERNMENT. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER WICKMAN RECEIVED
GROUP ON APRIL 17 AND RECEPTION HELD AT MFA. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED DURING MEETING WITH WICKMAN AND OTHER OFFICALS:
PLANS OF PAIGC TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN PAIGC/ CONTROLLED AREAS, PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENT NATION, AND APPEAL FOR DIP-LOMATIC RECOGNITION BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND HOPES FOR ADMISSION TO UN;
APPEAL FOR SUPPORT OF OSLO " ACTION PROGRAM" INCLUDING FREEZING OF CONTACTS WITH PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA AND FOR MORE EFFECTIVE SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA; SWAPO' S WISH THAT NORDIC COUNTRIES AGREE TO SIT ON UN NAMIBIA COUNCIL; FUTURE STATUS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN UN AND EXPANDED PARTICIPATION IN UN COMMITTEES.

4. PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD AT FOLKETS HUS APRIL 17 AND WORKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (ABF) QUARTERS APRIL 18 WERE WELL ATTENDED AND WELL PUBLICIZED. FORMER MEETING SPONSORED BY STOCKHOLM UN ASSOCIATION AND LATTER BY STOCKHOLM " AFRICA GROUP." SWEDISH DISCUSSION LEADER AT APRIL 18 MEETING ATTACKED SWEDISH INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS INTERESTS FOR SUPPORTING PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA FOR INVESTING IN TEXTILE FACTORIES IN PORTUGAL AND
DOING BUSINESS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, ACTIONS WHICH UNDERMINE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. AFRICANS WERE MORE DIPLOMATIC SAYING THEY DID NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN DOMESTIC SWEDISH DEBATE AND NOTING THAT IF OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES GAVE THEM AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS SWEDISH THEY WOULD HAVE ALREADY WON THEIR FREEDOM.
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